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1. AS INDICATED LAGOS REFTEL, FMG PAYMENT FOR ARMY TRAINING SHOULD BE RECEIVED THIS WEEK (OR NEXT, TO BE MORE REALISTIC). EMBASSY THEREFORE URGES MOST STRONGLY THAT NO REPEAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN OR COMMUNICATION BE TRANSMITTED TO NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY OF SUSPENSION OF ARMY TRAINING AFTER SEPTEMBER 1. AS OBSERVED IN STATE REFTEL, SUSPENSION OF PROGRAMMED FY 76 ARMY TRAINING WOULD CREATE SERIOUS POTENTIAL FOR AGGRAVATING BILATERAL RELATIONS. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY REGRETTABLE IN VIEW OF VERY FAVORABLE START DAO AND EMBASSY HAVE MADE IN ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE WORKING AND PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH HIGH LEVEL MILITARY MEMBERS OF NEW NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF OPENNESS AND RECEPTIVITY OF NEW LEADERSHIP; IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF OUR RELATIONS WITH THEM WERE SOURED BY STIFF U.S.G. ACTION OVER TRAINING PAYMENTS

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ISSUE, PARTICULARLY AT THE MOMENT PAYMENT APPEARS CLOSE TO BEING

MADE. THERE IS GREAT DEAL AT STAKE HERE IN TERMS OF U.S.G.
RELATIONS WITH FMG. WE BELIEVE NEW LEADERSHIP WANTS CLEAR UP
PAYMENTS PRONTO. OUR PROCEDURES HAVE UNFORTUNATELY
COMPLICATED THE PICTURE, BUT WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A HANDLE ON IT
NOW AND SHOULD HAVE MATTER RESOLVED SOON. AGAIN URGE DOD HAVE
PATIENCE A BIT LONGER.
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